



**RICHLAND COUNTY BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
2:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair	Torrey Rush
Vice Chair	Greg Pearce
Member	Marie Stallworth
Member	Erich Miarka
Member	Carol Kososki
Member	Bernice G. Scott
Member	Elaine Dubose
Member	Rachel Larratt
Member	Malcolm Gordge
Member	Carol Roberts
Member	Anita Floyd
Member	Sammy Wade
Member	Mark Huguley

OTHERS PRESENT – Kelvin E. Washington, Kevin Bronson, Tony McDonald, Andrea Bolling, Warren Harley, Quinton Epps, Roxanne Ancheta, Valeria Jackson, Tracy Hegler, Mike King, Synthia Williams, Beverly Harris, Donny Phipps, Ismail Ozbek,

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:04 p.m.

ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL RETREAT

- Consider demobilization of the Lower Richland County Operations Center (LROC).
 - LROC was a satellite facility to provide assistance
- No walk-in traffic since the week of Christmas
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOADs) have taken over this role. VOADs are well equipped to effectively and efficiently manage this responsibility.
- Demobilizing the LROC would return one County employee to their regular job.

- Mr. Hugley moved, seconded by Ms. DuBose, to accept the recommendation to demobilize the Lower Richland County Operations Center. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Consider demobilization of the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse transferring that function to the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG).
 - a. Distributions to distribution sites decline as distributions to volunteer organizations – 501(c)3's
 - b. Volunteer organizations are well equipped to effectively and efficiently manage this responsibility
 - Mr. Gordge moved, seconded by Ms. Larratt, to demobilize the County Donated Goods Relief Supply Warehouse and transfer function to the Long Term Recovery Group. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Hire a Community Recovery Specialist. This is a temporary position with a duration of over 150 days paid for by FEMA
 - a. No cost to the County
 - b. Temporary position that will end when the grant expires
 - c. Position will assist with managing and resolving unmet needs
 - Employee will be a COG employee
 - Mr. Hugley moved, seconded by Ms. DuBose, to accept the recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Continue to work with the Council of Governments (COG) to update the Richland County portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) before the existing plan expires in August 2016.
 - a. Required plan for the County to be eligible for HMGP funds
 - Municipal governments are an important part of the plan
 - Each jurisdiction is responsible for adopting their plan
 - Ms. Larratt moved, seconded by Mr. Miarka, to accept the recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Be prepared to quickly approve the updated HMP once it is completed.
 - Ms. Stallworth moved, seconded by Ms. DuBose, to approve the recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REVIEW AND RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL HMGP PROJECT IN PRIORITY ORDER

1. Voluntary Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts
 - a. Example: Residential Property Acquisition
 - I. Pre-Disaster Property Assessment = \$100,000
 - II. Cost to Acquire Property = \$27,600
 - a. Title Services = \$2,500
 - b. Demo = \$10,000
 - c. Lot Clearing = \$1,000
 - d. Asbestos Abatement = \$2,500
 - e. Survey = \$800
 - f. Appraisal = \$800
 - g. Construction and Project Management = \$10,000
 - III. Total Cost to Acquire Property and Clear Lot = \$127,600
 - IV. Federal Share (75%) = \$95,700
 - V. Local Share (25%) = \$31,900
 - b. Who Pays the Local Share and Who Gets What Portion of the \$95,700?
 - I. State Appropriation (currently under consideration)
 - a. State funds cover the \$31,900 Local Share
 - b. Homeowner Receives \$100,000 (full value)
 - c. County Receives \$27,600 (project costs)
 - II. CDBG-DR Grant
 - a. CDBG-DR Grant pays the \$31,900 Local Share
 - b. Property Owner Receives \$100,000 (full value)
 - c. County Receives \$27,600 (made whole for all cost incurred)
 - III. Property Owner Pays the required match (25% of Assessed Pre-Disaster Value) AND 25% of Project Costs
 - a. Homeowner receives \$68,100
 - Starting Value \$100,000
 - Match \$25,000
 - Project costs (estimated) \$6,900

– Net Payout to Property Owner (68,100)

- Mr. Wade moved, seconded by Mr. Hugley, forward all three (3) options to Council. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- Mr. Miarka made a friendly amendment to support the “State appropriation” option, if available.

2. Storm Water Drainage Management

- Mr. Miarka moved, seconded by Mr. Hugley, to armor the Spring Lake Dam and Cary Lake Dam. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. Housing Reconstruction/Rehabilitation

4. Voluntary Non-Residential Property Acquisition/Buyouts

5. Data/Offsite IT Infrastructure

6. Flood Studies

7. Mitigation of Flood Damage to Fire Suppression Water Capacity Systems

8. Conservation Easements

9. Public Outreach

10. Replacing County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)2-3 years

- The Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee was requested to consider recommending that Council approve a Resolution requesting that the State appropriate funding for the County in an amount that is commensurate with the level of damage our County incurred as a result of the flood. If approved the Resolution can be forwarded to our delegation for consideration.

- Ms. Floyd moved, seconded by Ms. Stallworth, to approve the recommendation. The vote in favor was unanimous.

KICK-OFF MEETING FOR THE LONG TERM RECOVERY PLAN

- Goals of the LTRP process

- a. Establish a road map for long term recovery
- b. Complement (not duplicate) current recovery efforts (HMGP, etc.)
- c. Identify critical issues and unmet needs

- d. Develop and prioritize projects and actions to address immediate needs and opportunities for long term resilience
- e. Secure broad funding assistance
- f. Maximize recovery and resilience value for limited resources
- g. Broad range of potential project types
- h. Combination of immediate recovery actions and long term resiliency projects
 - 1. Infrastructure
 - 2. Housing
 - 3. Economic Development
 - 4. Training and Education
 - 5. Regulatory updates
 - 6. Emergency response improvements
 - 7. Improved planning
 - 8. Administrative and operational improvements

NEXT STEPS

- a. Future Agenda Items**
- b. Next Meeting Date and Time: March 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.